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The listed items were cited in a Report (copy enclosed) issued May 26, 2004 by the European Patent Office in a counterpart European application and which categorizes the references, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of all non-English references under M.P.E.P. § 609. U.S. Patent No. 5,769,400, EP 1006036, DE4406607, GB 870414 and DE1177438 cited in the enclosed Search Report are already of record and therefore not listed on Form PTO-1449.

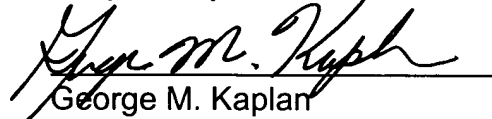
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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George M. Kaplan", is written over a horizontal line.

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		<b>0947409</b>	<b>10/99</b>	<b>EUROPEAN</b>				
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